

November 5, 2003 Governments Working Together

**Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors** San Bernardino Associated Governments ■ 472 N. Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92401 ■ (909) 884-8276 www.sanbag.ca.gov

## ■ SANBAG to fund traffic enforcement during Route 210 work

The SANBAG Board of Directors approved funding for a motorcycle police officer and crossing guards for selected Rialto schools to help control traffic and prevent accidents during the construction of State Route 210.

The opening of Easton Street last month and the planned opening of the Highland Avenue Detour next spring are expected to increase the number of drivers on city streets. Already, vehicles are traveling at high rates of speed on the newly opened Easton Street, and school children are crossing both Easton and Highland at areas not marked with signals, stop signs or crosswalks. The Highland Avenue Detour will route drivers onto streets that are near schools and a city park.

Board members gave the green light to an amended agreement with the City of

Rialto that will provide up to \$75,000 per year to the city for a sworn motorcycle officer to patrol the detour route during two morning peak commute hours and three afternoon peak commute hours, Monday through Friday. An additional \$15,000 was approved to support funding for crossing guards for Rialto Unified School District campuses that are near the detour route.

## ■ Burris, Cinque thanked for decade of service to SANBAG

Secretaries Daylene Burris and Pam Cinque marked 10 years of service to SANBAG and were saluted by Board President Bill Alexander and the rest of the



Executive Director Norm King, left, and Board President Bill Alexander congratulate secretaries Pam Cinque and Daylene Burris for completing 10 years of service to SANBAG.

Board of Directors, Burris, who provides support for rail and transit programs, and Cinque, who assists with freeway construction and public information programs, were presented with 10-year pins as tokens of appreciation for this lasting service.

Congratulations, Daylene and Pam!

# ■ Route 210 construction to continue without Pepper Avenue ramps

Drivers expecting to use Pepper Avenue as an on-ramp or off-ramp on State Route 210 in Rialto may have to wait a year or two after the freeway opens. SANBAG Board members voted to remove the Pepper ramps from the project, due to difficulties with extending Pepper Avenue north to the freeway.

Pepper Avenue now ends about one-half mile south of the Route 210 freeway corridor. The City of Rialto was awarded federal funding for the extension in 2000, but the project has stalled, due to costs related to mitigation for the San Bernardino kangaroo rat, which thrives in that area. Escalating costs make it impossible for Rialto to complete the Pepper extension in time to obligate the federal funds. The ramps cannot be included in the freeway plans unless Pepper is extended.

To keep the project moving forward, SANBAG Board members authorized removing the ramps on a temporary basis and reinstating them once the Pepper extension is complete. SANBAG will assist the city in identifying funding for the road project. Plans call for the road extension and subsequent ramps to be completed by 2009. The freeway is expected to open to drivers in 2007.

### Down the Road ...

- Nov. 12: Administrative Committee, 8:30 a.m.
- Nov. 13: Major Projects Committee, 9 a.m.
- Nov. 19: Plans & Programs Committee, 12 noon
- Nov. 20: I-10 truck lane ground-breaking, 2 p.m.
- Nov. 21: Mountain-Desert Committee, 9 a.m.



# Metrolink makes Thanksgiving travel as easy as pumpkin pie

# Thanksgiving Family Treat allows three children to ride free for each paid adult

If your typical Thanksgiving ritual involves driving over the freeways and through the crowds to Grandmother's house, there is an alternative this year. For the first time, Metrolink, southern California's regional commuter railroad, is offering train service on Thanksgiving Day.

SANBAG allocates funding from Measure I, its half-cent sales tax for transportation, for Metrolink capital improvements. Measure I's passage in 1989 provided the funding for railroad right-of-way, track rights, station construction, track and signal improvements, locomotives and passenger cars. Ongoing operational costs are funded by fares. This month's issue of *Measuring Success* takes a look at this special Thanksgiving offer on the southland's successful Metrolink commuter rail system.

#### **Enjoy Metrolink's Thanksgiving Family Treat**

Rather than struggling on local freeways on what is usually one of the busiest travel days of the year, why not give Metrolink a try? To sweeten the deal, fares are reduced 25 percent on Thanksgiving, and three children (ages 18 and younger) ride free for each paid adult fare! That's a deal that's sure to have everyone saying thanks.

Trains on Metrolink's San Bernardino Line will operate on a modified version of their regular Sunday schedule—four trains in each direction—with the first westbound train leaving San Bernardino at 10 a.m., and the last eastbound train leaving Los Angeles at 8:55 p.m. See the full schedule at right.

Metrolink also will offer Thanksgiving Family
Treat service between Riverside and Irvine
along its Inland Empire-Orange County Line.
The first of the six southbound trains will
leave the Downtown Riverside Station at
10:15 a.m.; the last northbound train
will depart the Irvine Transportation
Center at 8:30 p.m.

In addition, for those families who wish to stay overnight and take the train home the next day, the kids ride free offer is good on Friday, November 28. Riders should purchase adult round-trip tickets, which will be honored for the Friday return trip.

The Sun, Daily Bulletin and San Gabriel Valley Tribune will distribute newspapers at stations along the San Bernardino Line. Activity sheets, including a Thanksgiving crossword puzzle, will help keep children entertained during the ride. Comfortable seating, onboard restrooms and friendly station attendants help make riding Metrolink a pleasant experience.

### Five easy steps to ride Metrolink

- 1. Locate your Metrolink station. If you aren't sure which station is closest to you, call 800-371-LINK or visit www.metrolinktrains.com/thanksqiving.
- 2. Check the schedule for your train line and station. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early.
- 3. Purchase a ticket from the vending machine using cash, debit card or credit card. You must have a valid ticket before boarding the train.
- 4. For help with trip planning, call 800-371-LINK.
- 5. Board the train and enjoy the ride!

San Bernardino Line - To Los Angeles						
Metrolink	Train # and Departure Time					
Station	371	373	375	377		
Riverside		12:15 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	6:15 p.m.		
San Bernardino	10:00 a.m.	12:45 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	6:45 p.m.		
Rialto	10:06 a.m.	12:51 p.m.	4:36 p.m.	6:51 p.m.		
Fontana	10:11 a.m.	12:56 p.m.	4:41 p.m.	6:56 p.m.		
R. Cucamonga	10:19 a.m.	1:04 p.m.	4:49 p.m.	7:04 p.m.		
Upland	10:26 a.m.	1:11 p.m.	4:56 p.m.	7:11 p.m.		
Montclair	10:31 a.m.	1:16 p.m.	5:01 p.m.	7:16 p.m.		
Claremont	10:34 a.m.	1:19 p.m.	5:04 p.m.	7:16 p.m.		
Pomona (North)	10:38 a.m.	1:23 p.m.	5:06 p.m.	7:23 p.m.		
Covina	10:47 a.m.	1:32 p.m.	5:17 p.m.	7:32 p.m.		
Baldwin Park	10:53 a.m.	1:38 a.m.	5:23 p.m.	7:38 p.m.		
El Monte	11:02 a.m.	1:47 p.m.	5:32 p.m.	7:47 p.m.		
Cal State L.A.	11:12 a.m.	1:57 p.m.	5:42 p.m.	7:57 p.m.		
L.A. Union Station	11:30 a.m.	2:15 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	8:15 p.m.		

San Bernardino Line - From Los Angeles						
Metrolink	Train # and Departure Time					
Station	372	374	376	378		
L.A. Union Station	11:50 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.		
Cal State L.A.	12:00 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	6:40 p.m.	8:40 p.m.		
El Monte	12:09 p.m.	3:19 p.m.	6:49 p.m.	8:49 p.m.		
Baldwin Park	12:17 p.m.	3:27 p.m.	6:57 p.m.	8:57 p.m.		
Covina	12:23 p.m.	3:33 p.m.	7:03 p.m.	9:03 p.m.		
Pomona (North)	12:33 p.m.	3:43 p.m.	7:13 p.m.	9:13 p.m.		
Claremont	12:37 p.m.	3:47 p.m.	7:17 p.m.	9:17 p.m.		
Montclair	12:40 p.m.	3:50 p.m.	7:20 p.m.	9:20 p.m.		
Upland	12:45 p.m.	3:55 p.m.	7:25 p.m.	9:25 p.m.		
R. Cucamonga	12:51 p.m.	4:01 p.m.	7:32 p.m.	9:32 p.m.		
Fontana	12:59 p.m.	4:08 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	9:39 p.m.		
Rialto	1:09 p.m.	4:13 p.m.	7:47 p.m.	9:47 p.m.		
San Bernardino	1:30 p.m.	4:34 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	10:08 p.m.		
Riverside	1:55 p.m.	5:05 p.m.		10:35 p.m.		

